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Joint Resolution

Designating September 24, 1989, as "United States Marshals Bicentennial Day".

Nov. 17, 1988

[S.J. Res. 352]

Whereas the Office of United States Marshal was created by Act of the First Congress which became law on September 24, 1789; Whereas for more than a century after the establishment of the United States Government in 1789, United States marshals provided the only nationwide civilian police power available to the President, Congress, and the courts;

Whereas United States marshals have played a crucial role in most of the major episodes in America's history, from the Whiskey Rebellion of 1794, to the Reconstruction era following the Civil War and the enforcement of the Civil Rights Acts of the 1960's; Whereas more than three hundred United States marshals and deputy marshals have given their lives in the course of carrying out their law enforcement responsibilities;

Whereas United States marshals and their deputies are today charged with responsibilities essential to the operation of the Federal justice system, including the provision of security for the Federal courts and the protection of judicial officers, the pursuit and arrest of fugitives from justice, the enforcement of the orders of the court, and the management of seized criminal assets; and

Whereas through their consistent and tenacious dedication to duty since 1789, United States marshals and their deputies have made and continue to make immeasurable contributions to the rule of law and the protection of human rights through law in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That September 24, 1989, is designated as "United States Marshals Bicentennial Day", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe that day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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